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Promotion of Social Inclusion in Smart Cities
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote social inclusion in the Smart Cities Mission and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken into consideration people with special needs, the aged citizens and such special classes of citizens etc., to ensure accessibility in the smart cities and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to encourage participatory innovation in the designated smart cities to enable participation of the citizens in solving their local problems and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (c): Smart Cities Mission does not follow a 'one-size-fits-all' approach. Each city has to formulate its own concept, vision, mission and plan for a Smart City.

To promote social inclusion, co-creation in every step (ideas, strategies, innovative and frugal solutions) through an extensive consultative process with all stakeholders is mandated in the Smart Cities Mission Guidelines. The process of co-creation seen during preparation of Smart City Proposal is being continued by Smart Cities during implementation.

(b): The Smart Cities Mission aims at accelerating economic growth and improving the quality of life of people. Among others, the core infrastructures elements in Smart Cities also includes affordable housing especially for poor and safety & security of citizens, particularly women, children and elderly. Provision of accessibility infrastructure has also been made in the Smart City Proposal prepared by Smart Cities.

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